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AGENCIES

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SUMMARY: EMBOFF TOLD BY ARAB FUND OFFICIALS THAT NO LOAN YET EXTENDED TO JORDAN BUT FACT THAT FUND SYG JAROUDI HELD TALKS WITH GOJ WAS CONFIRMED. ARAB FUND SOURCES INDICATE THAT ORGANIZATION CONSIDERING PARALLEL FINANCING WITH OTHER DEVELOPMENT AID INSTITUTIONS IN PROJECTS ALREADY BEING PLANNED. OFFICIALS WOULD LIKE TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH AID IF POSSIBLE. THE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING MATERIALS SIMILAR TO THOSE WE HAVE PROVIDED KUWAIT FUND. END SUMMARY.

1. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH ARAB FUND OFFICIALS EMBOFF WAS TOLD KUWAIT TIMES STORY (REF A) WAS PREMATURE. SOURCES CONFIRMED ARAB FUND SYG JAROUDI HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH RIFAI AS HE HAD WITH

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OFFICIALS IN OTHER ARAB STATES. JAROUDI IN PROCESS VISITING ALL

POTENTIAL AID RECEIVING COUNTRIES AND IN PROCESS INITIATING EVALUATION SPECIFIC PROJECTS. SEEMS LIKELY, THEREFORE, JAROUDI AND GOJ MAY HAVE DISCUSSED SPECIFIC PROJECTS AND JAROUDI AGREED CONSIDER THEM BUT DOUBT ANY BINDING COMMITMENTS MADE YET.

2. ARAB FUND SOURCES SAID SYG AND STAFF WOULD LIKE TAKE TIME CAREFULLY EVALUATE WORTHWHILE PROJECTS ESPECIALLY ONES WITH REGIONAL APPLICABILITY CONSISTENT WITH FUND'S CHARTER. PRESSURE FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES, HOWEVER, LEADING ORGANIZATION CONSIDER PARALLEL FINANCING. ARAB FUND, THEREFORE, WILLING CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING TO PROJECTS FINANCED BY IBRD, KUWAIT FUND OR OTHERS. GOJ MAY WISH EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES TAPPING ARAB FUND RESOURCES THROUGH PARALLEL FINANCING ROUTE.

3. LATEST VISIT TO ARAB FUND HEADQUARTERS REVEALED SLOW BUT VISIBLE PROGRESS IN GETTING SETTLED. SEVERAL ARAB TECHNOCRATS, INCLUDING EGYPTIAN IMF EXPERT, NOW WORKING AT HEADQUARTERS HERE. EMBOFF GET IMPRESSION ARAB FUND WOULD LIKE TO DEVELOP RELATIVELY HIGHLY QUALIFIED, NON-POLITICAL CADRE OF TECHNOCRATS ALONG LINES KUWAIT FUND AND THAT AS OF NOW AT LEAST IT DEFINITELY HEADING IN THAT DIRECTION.

4. EMBOFF INFORMED AN ARAB FUND OFFICIAL OF KUWAIT FUND INTEREST IN MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH AID AND ASKED WHETHER ARAB FUND WOULD LIKE DO SO ALSO. FUND OFFICIAL RESPONDED POSITIVELY AND WAS VERY INTERESTED IN POSSIBILITY OBTAINING MATERIALS ALONG LINES THOSE SENT WITH REF D.

5. COMMENT: ARAB FUND STILL FAR BEHIND KUWAIT FUND IN TERMS ORGANIZATION AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS BUT IT HAS POTENTIAL BECOMING IMPORTANT VEHICLE AMONG ARAB STATES TO TRANSFER RESOURCES FROM RICHER TO POORER STATES. THERE SEEMS TO BE GENUINE DESIRE EMULATE HIGH STANDARDS OF KUWAIT FUND. BELIEVE, THEREFORE, WE SHOULD DO WHAT WE CAN TO HELP ORGANIZATION. SEEMS TO US THIS LINE OF REASONING APPLIES TO ABU DHABI FUND AS WELL AND WOULD BE INTERESTED IN EMBASSY ABU DHABI COMMENT. END COMMENT.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT SENDING SELECTION OF MATERIALS SIMILAR TO THOSE SENT WITH REF D. ARAB FUND OFFICIALS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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